

Truck Owner Ready to Sue County for \$2,000 Damages

Marion county today is preparing to defend itself in a lawsuit threatened by John Philpot, owner of a log truck which was destroyed last month when it crashed through the Lunker bridge on the Little North Fork of the Santiam river above Mehama.

Otto W. Heider, Sheridan, attorney for Philpot, notified the county court in a letter Monday through with the \$2,000 damages asked by Philpot, the lawyer would proceed with "immediate litigation."

Neither the county court nor District Attorney Miller B. Hayden, who is handling the case for the county, expressed an intention to pay the \$2,000 voluntarily.

Heider's letter Monday was in reply to one sent late last week by District Attorney Hayden. Speaking for the county, Hayden disclaimed all responsibility for the collapse of the bridge and resultant destruction of the spaw and the log truck. Hayden charged that the loaded log truck was more than 1,000 pounds over the state road load-limit and more than twice above the county bridge load-limit.

Heider replied that the actual scale of the logs on Philpot's truck at the time of the accident was 5,340 feet. No load-weight was given, but the Sheridan attorney noted that the trees were the logs, which, he said, are lighter than butt logs.

Charges County "Negligent"

Indicating that the county should temper its negotiations with "justice and fair dealing," Heider said he realized the extent of the county's liability was only \$2,000. "There is no question," he wrote, "that the county was grossly negligent as it knew the bridge to be in an 'extremely dangerous condition.' Heider had written before that equipment loss amounted to \$7,000. State law, however, limits the county's liability.

In spite of the bridge's condition, Heider declared, the county allowed vehicles of all types to pass over while "hoping the laws of gravity would not operate and the bridge might become a suspension bridge, rather than rest on the piers on each side."

Heider stated that the loaded truck could have "gotten by" on any highway scales without "getting a ticket," and indicated that all trucks operating over the Lunker bridge road "had as large or larger loads" than Philpot's truck. Violation of a rule of the road, Heider indicated, does not relieve the county of all responsibility in an accident.

Construction This Week

Meanwhile construction of a new county bridge at the Lunker crossing would get underway this week, Marion County Commissioner Ed Rogers said Monday. The new wooden structure is to be built around the steel Bailey bridge borrowed from the state

Agile at 80



He isn't standing on his head in this picture, but B. T. Kumler, 991 N. Cottage st., says that is a feat he's accomplished on every birthday for several years, including his 80th last week.

B. T. Kumler Notes Birthday

B. T. Kumler, who was for 30 years a mail carrier in Salem and Brownsville, celebrated his 80th birthday Friday at his home, 991 N. Cottage st.

Kumler came to Salem 57 years ago. His first job was that of digging the hole for the east round-house for the water company. He worked for the water company and for the gas company and began employment in 1902 in Fry's drugstore on North Commercial street.

Kumler spent 16 years in Brownsville as a rural carrier. Four years ago he returned to Salem to live.

The Kumlers' daughter, Martha Kumler, lives here, and a son, Marion L., is assistant Tillamook county agent. He was a missionary for over five years in India, returning to this country only last year. The Kumlers have one grandson.

Secretary of State Hunting for Home; Family Now Here

Mrs. Earl T. Uewbry and daughter, Shirlee, have arrived here from Ashland to join their husband and father, Secretary of State Newbry. They are living at a local hotel until they obtain an apartment or house.

Newbry has announced he will be a candidate to succeed himself.

National Guard Planning for Camp

The Oregon national guard, which recently closed a three-day

school at the Portland army base, will hold its annual summer encampment at Camp Clatsop June 15 to 29, inclusive, provided the necessary equipment is available. Adjutant General Thomas E. Rilea announced Monday.

Otherwise training maneuvers will be transferred to Fort Lewis, Wash., Rilea declared.

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2 LAP PADS
Regularly 59c
Package contains 2 rubberized flannel lap pads.

2 GOWNS
Regularly 59c ea.
Cotton knit gown with drawstring sleeves and bottom.

1 DRESS
Regularly 1.09
Nainsook hand - embroidered. White dress with pink embroidery.

1 SKIRT
Regularly 1.09
White nainsook with ruffled bottom.

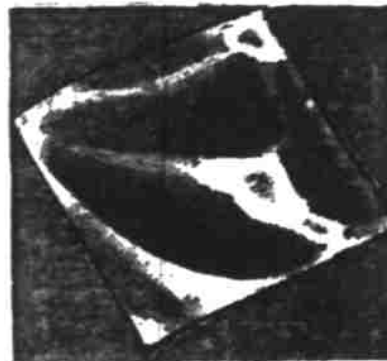
2 SHIRTS
Regularly 57c ea.
White cotton, tie side.

2 TOWELS
Regularly 49c ea.
Knit towel, pink or blue trim. Infants' size.

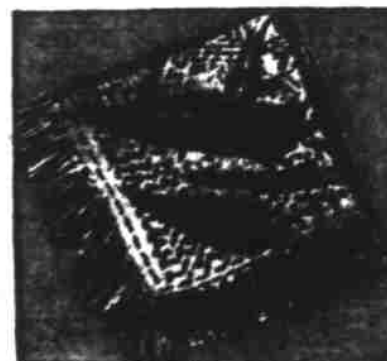
2 WASH CLOTHS
Regularly 29c
Package contains two wash cloths. Knit, pink or blue.



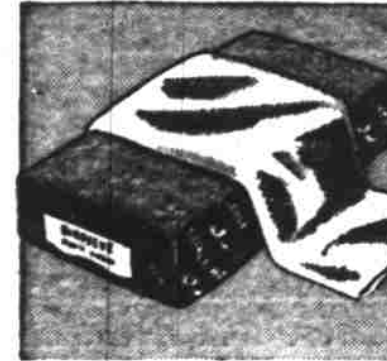
Robe, Bootie Set
Regularly 2.17,
Now **1.66**
Chill chaser for baby! Soft cozy blanket cloth robe and matching booties. Ribbon trimmed collar. Infants size in pink or blue.



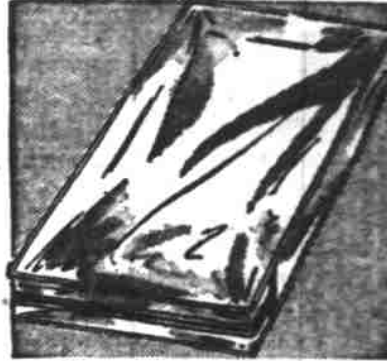
Waterproof Sheets
Reg. 1.19, Now **66c**
The price means money for you! 2-ply synthetic rubber crib sheets. Snowy white and easy to wash. Sure to give you satisfactory service.



Fringed Wool Shawl
Regularly 3.98
Now **2.99**
Thrifty value! Beautifully knit wool shawl. Lovely assortment of novelty patterns. Deep fringed edges. Lovely pink, blue or white.



Cotton Gauze Diaper
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Practical mattress cover in soft transparent plastic. Zipper closing keeps dust out. Covers entire mattress. 29x52x4 1/2-in. size. Save now!



Soft Sheet Blanket
Reg. 1.19
Now **99c**
Soft cotton sheet blanket. Ideal for both blanket or bed sheet. 35x50-in. size. White.



Quilted Pad
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Now! Pumpily filled with sterilized cotton. Highly absorbent. Snowy white color. 15x17-in. size.



Knitted Gown
Reg. 89c
Now **66c**
Infants size. Snowy white downy soft knit cotton gown. Drawstring at sleeves and bottom.



Basket Liner
Reg. 1.98
Now **1⁶⁶**
Cotton crinkle-crepe basket liner and pad in blue or pink. Tape ties. Gay ruffled edge.



Knitted Wrapper
Reg. 89c
Now **66c**
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Package of 12, 100% highly absorbent cotton, 27x27" size.

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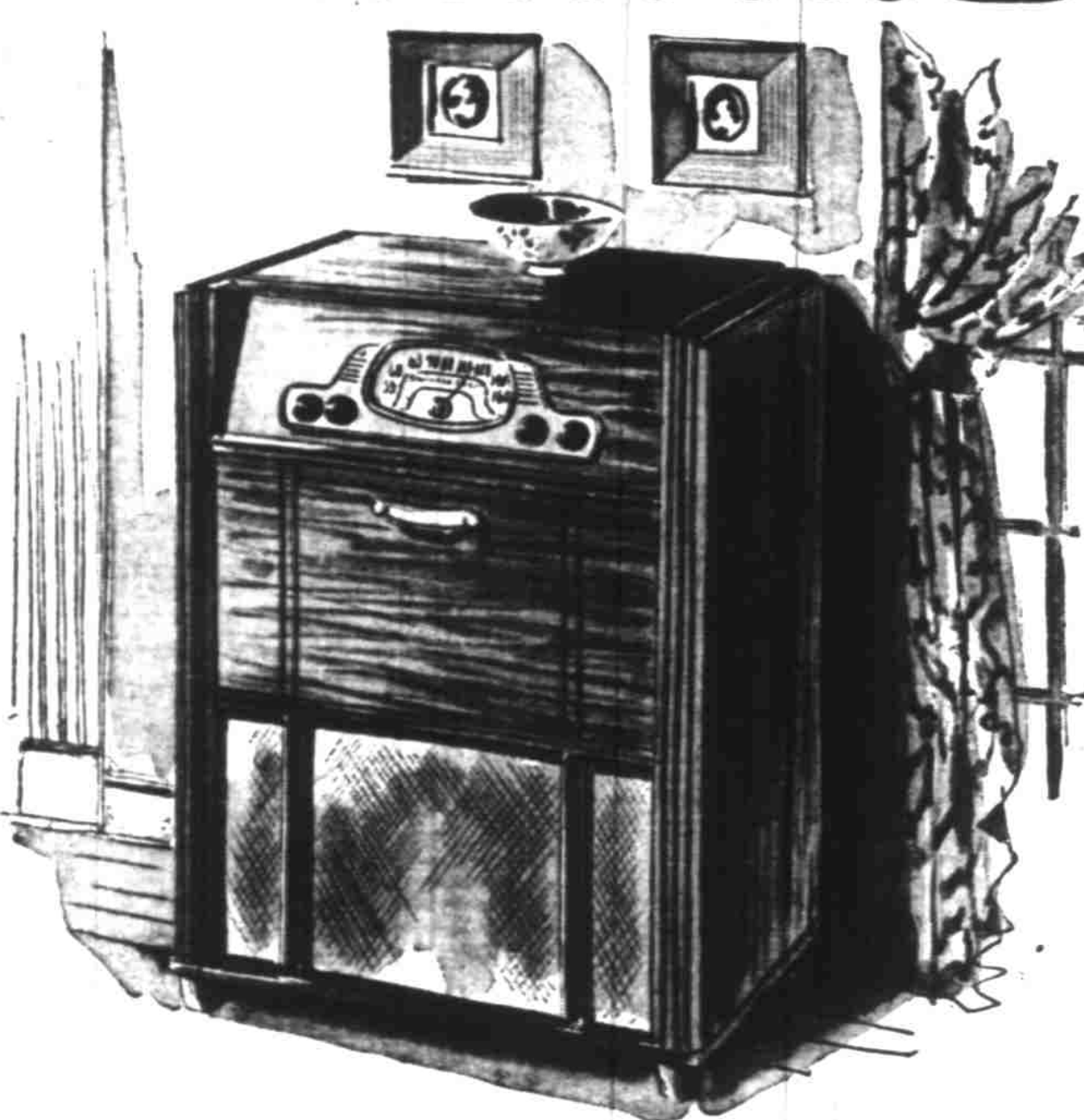
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